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1. DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, QUOTATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH TENG HSIAO-PING, WHICH HAD RECEIVED GREAT PROMINENCE IN THE EARLY ROUND OF POSTERS AT TSINGHUA AND PEKING UNIVERSITIES IN FEBRUARY, HAVE TAKEN ON NEW SIGNIFICANCE IN THE CAMPAIGN TO BLACKEN TENG AND HIS LINE. SINGLED OUT AS THE PRIMARY FOCUS FOR FUTURE CRITICISM OF TENG IN THE AUGUST 23 PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL (REFTTEL), THREE COLLECTIONS OF TENG'S THOUGHTS ARE PORTRAYED AS DIRECT CHALLENGES TO THE MAOIST CANON. THE "GENERAL PROGRAM," WHICH CONTAINS TENG'S PRINCIPLES AS HE STATED THEM AND THE "OUTLINE REPORT" (SCIENCE AND
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TECHNOLOL PLANS) AND "REGULATIONS FOR INDUSTRY," WRITTEN

BY OTHERS AT TENG'S BEHEST, ARE NOW CHARACTERIZED AS "BIG POISONOUS WEEKS."

2. THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE PEKING UNIVERSITY JOURNAL (SPRCM SUPPLEMENT NO. 115) CONTAINS A DETAILED REFUTATION OF A NUMBER OF TENG'S STATEMENTS. TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT AS THEY ARE, A FEW APPEAR INNOCUOUS OR AT LEAST SUBJECT TO DIFFERING INTERPRETATIONS, WHILE OTHERS, PARTICULARLY THE ONE SPEAKING OF "ROCKET CADRE," SURELY RUBBED NERVES IN JUST THE WAY TENG'S ATTACKERS CLAIM. ("HE CANNOT BE DROPPED, BUT CAN BE 'SENT DOWN WHILE STILL KEEPING HIS POSITION,'" SEEMS TO CLEARLY REFER TO THE WANG HUNG-WEN CASE AND SUGGESTS THAT WANG'S PRESENCE IN SHANGHAI LAST YEAR WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF TENG'S POLICY.)

3. IN TENG'S FAVOR, HOWEVER, IS THE RECENT REPEATED MEDIA ASSERTION THAT TENG AND HIS ASSOCIATES WERE REVISING THEIR DRAFTS A NUMBER OF TIMES, SUGGESTING THAT TENG WAS AT LEAST MAKING SOME EFFORT TO ALLAY CRITICISM OF HIS PROGRAM. IN THE CONTEXT OF CHAIRMAN MAO'S REACTIONS TO HIS EFFORTS -- "WHAT TAKING 'THREE DIRECTIVES' AS THE KEY LINK" -- TENG ACTUALLY MAY HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO FIND A MIDDLE COURSE BETWEEN HIS INFORMAL STATEMENTS AND EARLY AUTUMN SPEECHES AND THE OPPOSITION GROUP'S RELIANCE ON AN INFLEXIBLE INTERPRETATION OF THE MAOIST LINE.

4. SINCE THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST TENG BEGAN, SOME MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO KEEP IT WITHIN CAREFULLY CONTROLLED BOUNDS. NOW, FOR INSTANCE, AN AUGUST 24 WEN WEI PAO ARTICLE BY PEOPLE'S DAILY AND NCNA REPORTERS (ALSO BROADCAST OVER PEKING RADIO) CALLS FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE CRITICISM OF TENG'S THREE DOCUMENTS BUT CLEARLY SPECIFIES THAT THE CAMPAIGN HAS REACHED THE IDEOLOGICAL OR STUDY PHASE AS OPPOSED TO THE EARLIER ORGANIZATIONAL PHASE (WHEN TENG WAS REMOVED FROM HIS POSTS). THUS, WHILE CRITICISM OF TENG'S THREE DOCUMENTS MAY SERVE TO HEIGHTEN THE MASSES' AWARENESS OF THE OPERABLE MAO PHILOSOPHY TO BE FOLLOWED AND WILL SURELY SERVE TO HEIGHTEN THE VULNERABILITY OF THE OTHERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THEIR DRAFTING, THE END RESULT OF THIS NEW CRITICISM FOCUS APPEARS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIKELY TO LESSEN THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER INDIVIDUAL PURGES AND COULD SIGNAL A MAJOR EFFORT TO REASSERT PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL AUTHORITY TO MEET CHINA'S PRESSING PROBLEMS.
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